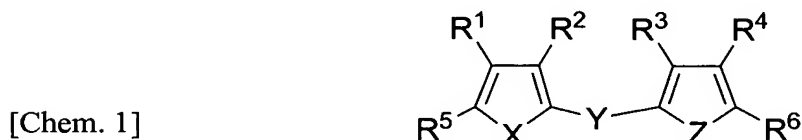


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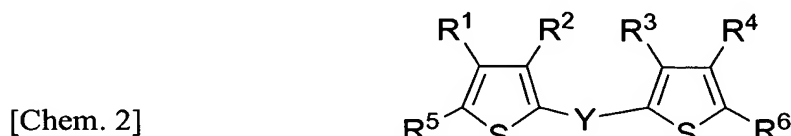
Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) An electroluminescent device comprising a conjugated molecule represented by the general formula [Chem. 1]



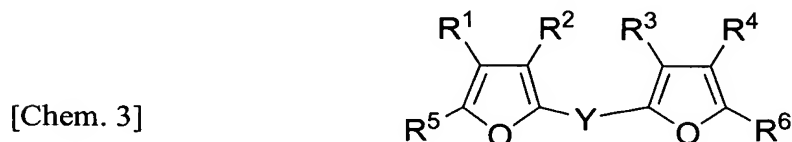
(wherein X and Z may be the same or different and represent a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom, a nitrogen atom and a silicon atom each having an alkyl group or an arylen group; Y represents an arylen group; and R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>6</sup> independently represent a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, an alkyl group, a cyano group, a dialkylamino group, a thioalkoxy group, or an alkoxy group).

2. (Original) An electroluminescent device comprising a conjugated molecule represented by the general formula [Chem. 2]



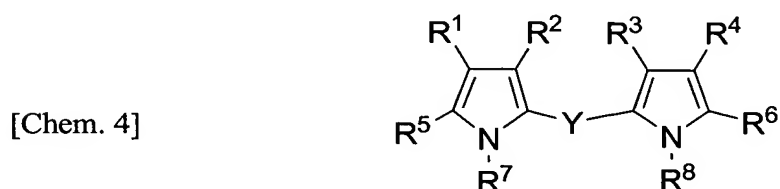
(wherein Y represents an arylen group; and R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>6</sup> independently represent a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, an alkyl group, a cyano group, a dialkylamino group, a thioalkoxy group, or an alkoxy group).

3. An electroluminescent device comprising a conjugated molecule represented by the general formula [Chem. 3]



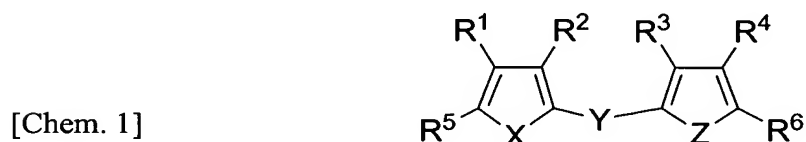
(wherein Y represents an arylene group; and R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>6</sup> independently represent a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, an alkyl group, a cyano group, a dialkylamino group, a thioalkoxy group, or an alkoxy group).

4. (Original) An electroluminescent device comprising a conjugated molecule represented by the general formula [Chem. 4]



(wherein Y represents an arylene group; R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>6</sup> independently represent a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, an alkyl group, a cyano group, a dialkylamino group, a thioalkoxy group, or an alkoxy group; and R<sup>7</sup> and R<sup>8</sup> represent an alkyl group or an aryl group).

5. (Original) The conjugated molecule represented by the general formula [Chem. 1]



(wherein X and Z may be the same or different and represent an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or a silicon atom and a nitrogen atom each having an alkyl group or an arylene group; Y represents an arylene group and represents a bivalent group having a hydrocarbon aromatic ring having 6 to 20 carbon atoms or a bivalent heteroaromatic group having 4 to 30 carbon atoms and including at least one selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, and silicon; R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup> independently represent a hydrogen atom, an aryl group, an alkyl group, a cyano group, a dialkylamino group, a thioalkoxy group, or an alkoxy group; and

R<sup>5</sup> and R<sup>6</sup> represent an aromatic hydrocarbon group or a heteroaromatic group including at least one selected from the group consisting of oxygen, nitrogen, sulfur, and silicon, an alkyl group, a cyano group, a dialkylamino group, a thioalkoxy group, or a silyl group).

6. (Currently Amended) The conjugated molecule according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a solubility to chloroform at 25°C and 1 atm. is in the range of 1 wt.% to 20 wt.%.

7. (Currently Amended) The conjugated molecule according to claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a solubility to chloroform at 25°C and 1 atm. is in the range of 1 wt.% to 20 wt.%.

8. (Currently Amended) The conjugated molecule according to claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a solubility to chloroform at 25°C and 1 atm. is in the range of 1 wt.% to 20 wt.%.

9. (Currently Amended) The conjugated molecule according to claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a solubility to chloroform at 25°C and 1 atm. is in the range of 1 wt.% to 20 wt.%.

10. (Currently Amended) The conjugated molecule according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a solubility to chloroform at 25°C and 1 atm. is in the range of 1 wt.% to 20 wt.%.

11. (Currently Amended) The conjugated molecule according to claim 1, ~~characterized by being~~ wherein the conjugated molecule is used for a hole injection layer, a hole transporting layer, or a luminescent layer of an electroluminescent device.

12. (Currently Amended) The conjugated molecule according to claim 2, ~~characterized by being~~ wherein the conjugated molecule is used for a hole injection layer, a hole transporting layer, or a luminescent layer of an electroluminescent device.

13. (Currently Amended) The conjugated molecule according to claim 3, ~~characterized by being~~ wherein the conjugated molecule is used for a hole injection layer, a hole transporting layer, or a luminescent layer of an electroluminescent device.

14. (Currently Amended) The conjugated molecule according to claim 4, ~~characterized by being~~ wherein the conjugated molecule is used for a hole injection layer, a hole transporting layer, or a luminescent layer of an electroluminescent device.

15. (Currently Amended) The conjugated molecule according to claim 5, ~~characterized by being~~ wherein the conjugated molecule is used for a hole injection layer, a hole transporting layer, or a luminescent layer of an electroluminescent device.

16. (Currently Amended) An electronic device ~~characterized by~~ using the electroluminescent device ~~defined in~~ of claim 1.

17. (Currently Amended) An electronic device ~~characterized by~~ using the electroluminescent device ~~defined in~~ of claim 2.

18. (Currently Amended) An electronic device ~~characterized by~~ using the electroluminescent device ~~defined in~~ of claim 3.

19. (Currently Amended) An electronic device ~~characterized by~~ using the electroluminescent device ~~defined in~~ of claim 4.

20. (Currently Amended) An electronic device ~~characterized by~~ using the electroluminescent device including the conjugated molecule ~~defined in~~ of claim 5.

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